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UM RECEIVES GRANT FOR CLINICAL LAW PROGRAM

MISSOULA--

The Law Clinic at the University of Montana School of Law has been awarded a \$65,686 grant to fund a clinical law program at the UM law school. The grant from the U.S. Department of Education allows the continuation of a program initiated in 1978 which provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals who are residents of Missoula County. The one year grant is for the period Oct. 1, 1980, through Sept. 30, 1981.

The grant provides for the addition of a juvenile advocacy component in which UM law clinic students will represent juveniles in Youth Court proceedings. Selected to supervise those students in the juvenile component is Ann C. German, a 1976 graduate of the UM law school, who joined the Law Clinic as staff attorney in November.

Started in 1978, the law clinic has been under the supervision of Noel K. Larrivee, who is also a 1976 graduate of the UM law school. Since its inception, the law clinic has provided legal assistance to more than 600 persons in Justice Court, State District Court, and the Montana Supreme Court. The law clinic is composed of 12 senior law students who work under the supervision of a full-time licensed attorney. In addition, other senior students participate in the clinic on a select basis.

The following students are participating in the Law Clinic for the 1980-81 academic year: BILLINGS- Addison Sessions. CHESTER- John Seidlitz. CUTBANK- Jayne Mitchell. GREAT FALLS- Tom Thiebes, Carolyn Stoehr, Karl Nagel, Marcia Eidel. LAUREL- Brenda Nordlund, Dan Spoon. MISSOULA- Rex Palmer, Jim O'Brien, Colleen Dowdall. MOLT- Ken Leuthold. ALBANY, NY- Caroline (Winnie) Emmons.

Persons needing legal assistance may contact the Law Clinic at the UM School of Law at 243-5955.